

Review of: "Genomic bases of insularity and ecological divergence in barn owls (*Tyto alba*) of the Canary Islands"

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The authors have analysed barn owls from Canary Islands using NGS and could elucidate its evolutionary history. The study is well done and uses adequate technology. The MS is well written and informative.

I would have only a small request. Barn owl phylogeny has been studied before, using nucleotide sequences of marker genes. These studies, for example from my group (M. Wink) had included Canarian samples. It would be fair to mention earlier studies.